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Kittleman Administration gives progress report to County Council on Ellicott City flood recovery

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – The Kittleman Administration today presented a progress report to the Howard County Council detailing recovery following the flood that tore through Ellicott City's Main Street on July 30.

The report chronicles the steps the county took immediately after the flash flood hit Ellicott City as well as initial damage costs, details of infrastructure and waterway recovery projects and overviews of how various county agencies responded with help for victims.

"The county has made remarkable progress in slightly more than three weeks since the devastating storm hit Ellicott City," Kittleman said. "It is important that we continue to update our partners on the County Council and in the community on the steps we are taking as part of this enormous recovery process."

Ryan Miller, director of the Howard County Office of Emergency Management, briefed the Council on the report, which can be found at www.howardcountymd.gov/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=xdZxJxNcPwA%3d&portalid=0.

Earlier in the day, Kittleman signed an executive order requesting the County Council hold an emergency session to extend the State of Emergency in Ellicott City until Sept. 20. By extending the State of Emergency, the county would be allowed to complete extensive critical public works projects and repair work, including sidewalks, roadways and retaining walls.

In other recovery news...

- Kittleman today announced the members of the Historic Ellicott City Recovery Community Advisory Group. The group is a cross-section of representatives of local organizations, preservation groups, businesses, residents and the faith-based community who will offer direction on the continued recovery efforts for Ellicott City's Main Street area. The first task of this group is to organize a series of public meetings, including an inaugural town hall, to hear directly from the community about its priorities.

This group was selected with assistance of former County Executive Jim Robey who was appointed Aug. 12 by Kittleman to be special advisor to Historic Ellicott City flood recovery efforts and to serve as chair of the community advisory group.

-The five-day extended access to Ellicott City's Main Street for merchants, residents and building owners concluded this evening. Today, more than 40 property owners were on site using 62 vehicles to help with the cleanup.

Beginning Tuesday, Main Street will be closed for three weeks to allow county public works crews and other utility workers time to complete critical work with the goal of reopening Main Street to pedestrian traffic, hopefully around Sept. 16.

-Effective Tuesday, Aug. 23, residents and businesses in need of information or assistance should call 410-313-0863 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The county continues to update its recovery resource page at www.ECfloodrecovery.org.

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